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PUBLIC ACT SUMMARY



PA 13-105—HB 6323

Planning and Development Committee

AN ACT CONCERNING ADOPTION FEES FOR DOGS

SUMMARY: This act allows a municipality to charge an individual who buys a dog as a pet from a municipal pound up to \$150 for the cost it incurred to have the dog spayed or neutered and vaccinated. By law, an animal control officer may have a licensed veterinarian spay or neuter unclaimed healthy dogs, cats, or other animals in his or her custody after seven days, before selling or placing them as pets.

By law, people acquiring an unspayed or unneutered dog or cat from a pound must pay the pound \$45 for a voucher to sterilize and vaccinate the animal that they can redeem at a participating veterinarian's office. The law also allows pounds to redeem the voucher and have the animal sterilized and vaccinated before releasing it to the person adopting or buying it (CGS § 22-380f).

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